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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/06

SPONSOR Tripp LAST UPDATED _____ HB 79

SHORT TITLE Socorro County Homeless Program SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB117; HB24; HB239

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

No Response from New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 79 appropriates \$50.0 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for a homeless program in Socorro County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD reports HB 79 is specific to homeless in Socorro County. There is one facility in Socorro called Puerto Seguro that utilizes a city-owned building and all volunteer staff, except the

director, to serve the homeless population. The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority traditionally disburses any funds provided by the State Legislature to agencies statewide that provide shelter, meals and other services to homeless persons statewide. Mortgage Finance Authority does not have a shelter in Socorro that is funded from the appropriation. There is no other homeless service in Socorro County.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Since homeless persons are a recurring issue throughout New Mexico why should this appropriation be only for Socorro County?

Should the bill better define homeless program?

MW/yr